

THE CITY COUNCILS

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

THE TESTIMONY IN FULL

At the meeting of the joint convention of the Mayor and City Councils, held on the 19th instant, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas certain reports have been made that some member or members of this convention have corruptedly used their position to obtain money for certain persons seeking appointments at the hands of this convention; therefore

"Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed by the president of this convention to investigate and report to this convention all the facts relative to such reports."

In pursuance thereof the Mayor appointed Councilmen T. T. Fowler, Aldermen Moore, and Councilman W. H. Chase, as the committee. The committee held meetings on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd instants, and the following testimony was taken, which was submitted to the joint convention last evening:

DR. CARROLL BROWN,
Physician to the Asylum, testified on the 20th inst., as follows:

Q. Do you know of any member of the Board of Aldermen or Common Council who sold his own vote, or bargained for the sale of his vote, or for the vote of any member or members, with a view to confer office upon any person before the joint convention of the Mayor and City Councils?

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Q. How much money did he receive for his vote?

A. He received \$100 for his vote.

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partly alluded to will of course be exonerated from any bribery in the case to say that it was Mr. Kelley. In justice to Mr. Chase and the other gentleman, and as Mr. Kelley could not be implicated of having been bribed, I give the name. I know that Mr. Kelley would not receive the present from that applicant. I am positive that the applicant has not received his salary, therefore he has not tendered it. I will further, I know, from my own knowledge, that Mr. Kelley considered it a joke, for I heard Mr. Kelley say so to the jury.

Q. But you said the present would be tendered, nevertheless? A. Well, I have no doubt that it would be tendered, and I do know that Mr. Kelley has remarked to a party that he considered it a joke that night, and would tender it.

ROBERT BELL,
Councilman from the Fourth ward, testified as follows:

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